MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Central Government have agreed to share 50% of losses on purchases of onion under Market Intervention Scheme at Rs. 60/- Per Quintal FAQ during the current marketing season of onion in 1989 to be purchased by the National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) as the Central Nodal agency and Maharashtra State Cooperative Marketing Federation as the State designated agency.

(b) NAFED have purchased 30,650 MTs of onion. Maharashtra State Cooperative Marketing Federation, the State designated agency, however, has not made any purchases under the scheme and therefore no share of loss is to be released to Maharashtra Cooperative Marketing Federation/ Maharashtra Government.

Illegal occupation of post premises by NFDC

1300. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Sunday Observer dated the 9th July, 1989 under the caption "NFDC occupying post premises illegally"; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Film Development Corporation has been in occupation of a total accommodation measuring 5420 sq. ft. in the ground floor of Dalamal Towers belonging to Swasti Produce Co. Pvt. Ltd. and Anusuya Arvind Trust, Bombay since May 1981 on lease for a period of five years. Till 1986, the Corporation had been a contractual tenant of the said premises and thereafter under the Bombay Rent Act NFDC has the status of a statutory tenant. Its occupation of the said premises is, therefore, not illegal. In fact, the owners have accepted rent from the Corporation up-to-date.

NFDC requires these premises for its own immediate and future growing activities. While discussions were in progress between the management of NFDC and the owners of the accommodation the latter filed a writ petition in Bombay High Court to recover the possession of the said accommodation, which has not been admitted.

Out of order Auto Cue Instrument in Bombay Doordarshan

1301. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Auto Cue Instrument in Bombay Doordarshan is out of order for the last several days; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) The Auto Cue system at Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay has been functioning satisfactorily since its installation except for a fault which developed on the 4th July, 1989. However, the fault was attended to immediately and the system put back into operation the very next day.

Knowledge of Marathi by Assistant News Reporters of Bombay Doordarshan

1302. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION